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Serial No. 10/027,013 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING  
SPARE DISKS IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Alan L. Rowe et al. --

On page 3, please replace the first paragraph with the following:

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--This ownership information is stored in two locations. This ownership of disks is described in detail in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/027,457 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING DISK OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, which is hereby incorporated by reference. In the example of a WAFL based file system, each disk has a predetermined sector that contains the definitive ownership information. This definitive ownership sector is called sector S. In an exemplary embodiment, sector S is sector zero of a disk. The second source of this ownership information is through the use of Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) level 3 reservations. These SCSI-3 reservations are described in *SCSI Primary Commands - 3*, by Committee T10 of the National Committee for Information Technology Standards, which is incorporated fully herein by reference. ~

On page 3, please replace the third paragraph, continuing onto page 4, with the following:

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--The need often arises to transfer the ownership of a volume from one filer to another filer in a switch-connected network. This need can arise, when, for example, one filer becomes over-burdened because of the number of volumes it is currently serving. By being able to transfer ownership of a volume or a set of disks from one filer to another, filer load balancing can be accomplished. Currently, if a volume is to be transferred from one filer to another, the disks that comprise the volume need to be physically moved from one filer to another. --